

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 2 is canceled herein.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-42 are currently pending.

Claims 3, 8, 10, 11, 13-19, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30-34 and 38 were "objected to". Please note that "objected to" claims 3, 8, 10, 13, 14, 21 and 38 are amended herein to be in independent form, and should now be allowable. Therefore, the various claims that dependent from these amended claims should also be allowable.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 20 AND 39-42 UNDER 35 USC 102(B) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY KOBAYASHI

Claim 1 is amended herein to recite that the managing apparatus comprises: (a) a notification e-mail creating unit creating a notification e-mail to be sent to said second information terminal by use of the text information in the e-mail message; (b) a text information notifying unit notifying said second information terminal of the text information included in the e-mail message by sending said notification e-mail to said second information terminal; (c) a sound information storing unit adapted to store sound information related to the e-mail message; (d) a telephone number selecting unit selecting a sound reply telephone number for use in handling the sound information concerning sound reply related to the e-mail message to be transmitted from said first information terminal to said second information terminal; (e) a telephone number notifying unit notifying said second information terminal of the sound reply telephone number selected by said telephone number selecting unit by inserting said sound reply telephone number into the notification-mail; and (f) a managing unit managing association among the e-mail message, the sound reply telephone number, and a last-named sound information related to the e-mail message.

Similar amendments are made to claims 39, 40, 41 and 42.

Kobayashi does not disclose or suggest these features. For example, Kobayashi does not disclose or suggest notifying the second information terminal of the sound reply telephone number by inserting the sound reply telephone number into the notification-mail as recited, for example, in the amended claim 2.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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